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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Joe Grindstaff, Executive Officer

Subject: Meeting, April 26, 2012

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The agenda and supporting materials for our April meeting are attached. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting. Unlike the majority of our two-day Council meetings, April's meeting will take place on only one day – Thursday, April 26, 2012.

### **Report on Little Hoover Commission Meeting** (Agenda Item 3)

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012 the Little Hoover Commission will hold a public hearing at the Capitol on Governor Brown's Government Reorganization Plan. In the Plan, the Governor proposes to have the Delta Stewardship Council report to the Natural Resources Agency. Currently the DSC is an independent state agency that reports directly to the Governor's office. DSC Chair Phil Isenberg will offer his thoughts about the proposed reorganization at the hearing. He will then offer a report about what transpired at the hearing at the April 26<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### **Lead Scientist's Report** (Agenda Item 7a)

Dr. Peter Goodwin's report will include five items: 1) a review of recent science community meetings including the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference held in Davis; 2) an update on the 2012 Delta Science Fellows Program; 3) the upcoming Delta Science Program's Independent Science Panel Review, namely Phase 2 of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis; 4) the Delta Science Program's initial steps toward defining a process for developing a Delta Science Plan; and 5) the status of the Delta Independent Science Board vacancy.

I expect the Council will complete discussion of these reports Thursday morning.

### **Delta Plan** (Agenda Item 8)

The proposed release date of the final staff draft of the Delta Plan is now mid-May. Several major tasks are still underway including developing an integrated "big picture" story for the plan, refining the integration between chapters, and finalizing the Executive Summary. A new matrix will also be presented that offers more detailed information on the 417 comments

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*"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."*

– CA Water Code §85054

received from the Draft Environmental Impact Report. There will also be a review and a request for Council direction on three outstanding policies and one outstanding recommendation from the staff draft. Finally, there will be a review of the appendices included in the 5<sup>th</sup> staff draft Delta Plan and key new appendices for the final staff draft plan with focus on Adaptive Management and Delta legacy town maps. There will also be a review of graphics included in the 5<sup>th</sup> staff draft Delta Plan and key new graphics under development for the final staff draft plan with focus on the Delta maps and the Delta Plan development timelines.

The April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn and Suites, 1250 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. If I can answer any questions or provide any information, please contact me at (916) 445-4500 or [jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov](mailto:jgrindstaff@deltacouncil.ca.gov)

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